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The following observations were made in Goepfritz (O 49/R 64) and on the Vienna-Goepfritz railroad line :

1. Goepfritz railroad station (four-hour observation on the afternoon of 25 April 1950) :

- a. Forty-five flatcars stood unloaded. Five tanks, obviously just unloaded, with six bogie wheels and three supporting rollers per side, turret shaped like the back of a turtle, pointed bow, and a far projecting gun barrel with muzzle brake, were seen in the station area.

- b. Signal troops constructed telephone lines in the station area. A motor rail coach, occupied by Soviet officers and EM, was parked on a classification track. It was connected with the railroad station by a telephone line.

25X1B c. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] 25X1B
[REDACTED], driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen at the ration supply depot near the railroad station. The same vehicles were later seen in front of the railroad station, occupied by troops with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. Truck [REDACTED] 25X1B was also identified there * .

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2. Vienna-Tulln (O 49/S 10)-Absdorf-Hippersdorf
(O 49/S 01) line, 26 April 1950 :

a. Twenty-two boxcars and the same number of flatcars were sidetracked at the railroad stations of Klosterneuburg-Weidling (O 49/S 30) and Kritzendorf (O 49/S 30). Twenty-five boxcars and 29 empty flatcars, with scraps of wire and wooden blocks laying on the latter cars, arrived from the direction of Goepfritz. *


b. A Soviet mail coach, coming from St Poelten (O 49/W 88), was coupled to the Goepfritz-bound train in Tulln at 3:30 a.m. Another Soviet mail coach coming from Stockerau (O 49/S 21) was coupled to the train in Absdorf-Hippersdorf. This was done for the first time, according to railroadmen. **

3. Gross Weikersdorf (O 49/S 01)-Goepfritz line,
27 April 1950 :

Twenty-eight empty flatcars were sidetracked in Gross Weikersdorf, 26 in Ziersdorf (O 49/S 02), 30 in Limberg (O 49/R 94), 25 in Sigmundsherberg (O 49/S 21) and 28 in Irnfritz. *

4. a. Goepfritz, 27 April 1950 :

(1) About 45 empty flatcars were dispatched toward Vienna. Some cars bore shipping documents mentioning Bruck on the Leitha River (P 49/X 77) and Hegyeshalom (P 48/Y 06).

(2) Motor vehicles  25X1A
hauled firewood, coal, billeting equipment and ammunition from the railroad station :

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- b. 23 April 1950 :

(1) A train carrying trucks and troops with red-

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bordered black epaulets arrived early in the morning. The trucks, most of them loaded with billeting equipment, had the [REDACTED] : 25X1B

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(2) Ten tank trucks, about five jeeps and motor vehicles [REDACTED] were unloaded 25X1B
from a train about noon : *
25X1B [REDACTED]

(3) Local residents and railroadmen stated that the unloading started on 13 April 1950. Railroadmen said that 36 tanks had already arrived. The number of tanks on the trains was estimated at at least 150. Three local residents stated that they knew many of the arriving Soviets from 1949. *

(4) A driver arriving from the direction of Stockerau said that he observed a Soviet column about five kilometers long between Hollabrunn (0 49/S 12) and Stockerau, moving toward Goepfritz. *

(5) The military coaches observed in Tulln were coupled to trains returning from Goepfritz.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment :

* The observations at the Goepfritz railroad station

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(detraining station of the Doellersheim troop training grounds) and on the Vienna-Tulln-Goepfritz railroad trunk line confirm the transfer of the 13th Gds Mecz Div to the Doellersheim troop training grounds between 18 and 25 April 1950.

- ** The observations in Goepfritz of some motor vehicles of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the observation of a mail coach from St. Poelten being coupled to a Goepfritz-bound train indicate that component units of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div may also have been transferred to Doellersheim. This possibility is not yet confirmed by information from the billeting area of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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